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DIRECTOR, FBI (ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY, IDENTIFICATION DIVISION, LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION; VIOLENT CRIMES UNIT, CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION)

FROM : SAC, PITTSBURGH (89A-PG-53899) (P)

SUBJECT : UNSUB(S),  
 U.S. CONGRESSMAN JOHN MURTHA,  
 12TH DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA-VICTIM  
 EXTORTION VIO AFD-110  
 (OO: PITTSBURGH)

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Being forwarded under separate cover for the FBI Laboratory, Identification Division, Latent Fingerprint Section, is the original threatening letter received by Congressman MURTHA's office.

Enclosed herewith for the Violent Crimes Unit, Criminal Investigative Division, is a copy of the threatening letter received by Congressman MURTHA's office on 4/22/91.

REQUEST OF THE BUREAU:

The Identification Division is requested to process original letter to determine if latent fingerprints can be developed. Thereafter photograph said prints and hold for future comparison purposes. Original document, and analysis should be returned to the Pittsburgh Division.

4-Bureau (Enclosure-1)  
 (1-Package Copy)

2-Pittsburgh

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On 4/22/91, above victim received at his office in Johnstown, Pennsylvania (PA), a threatening letter. In the letter, the writer thereof tells Congressman MURTHA that they have been following him for the past couple of weeks listening to his propaganda. Further the writer advises that they are experts in ambush areas, and they know where MURTHA travels, eats and lives. If one more of our comrades (being American soldiers in the Persian Gulf) comes home in a body bag, they will hold MURTHA responsible. Further, his penalty will be death.

NOTICE -

Please note correct spelling  
of JOHN MURTHA. PG T/T to Director  
dated 4/24/91 carried spelling as  
MERTHA. (typographical error)



TO :DIRECTOR, FBI (89A-PG-53899)  
(ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY,  
IDENTIFICATION DIVISION,  
LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION;  
VIOLENT CRIMES UNIT,  
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION)

FROM :SAC, PITTSBURGH (89A-PG-53899) (P)

SUBJECT :UNSUB(S),  
U.S. CONGRESSMAN JOHN MURTHA,  
12TH DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA-VICTIM  
EXTORTION  
(OO: PITTSBURGH)

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ENCLOSURE

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Hon. John P. Murtha  
Johnstown, PA

My dear Mr Murtha,

You hypocrite son of a bitch.

How can you support the sending of our  
comrades to the Persian Gulf and had  
pin on the Purple Heart to the survivors  
and the rest come home in body bags.

We have been following you for the past  
couple of weeks listening to your propaganda  
bullshit. I hope you are cognizant to know  
not everyone believes you.

We are experts in ambush areas as we  
were well trained in country. We know  
how you travel, what you eat and where  
you live.

If one more of our comrades come  
home in a body-bag we will hold you  
responsible.



4-24-91  
EVIDENCE

You must also pay for your ASS-KISSING friends,  
KISSING HUSSEIN ASS two weeks before the  
WAR. THIS IS TREASON.

THE PENALTY FOR TREASON IS DEATH.

SO, KEEP LOOKING OVER YOUR SHOULDER  
THE AMBUSH MAY BE JUST AROUND THE NEXT  
CORNER.

REMEMBER FOR SURE, ONE MORE  
BODY BAG AND YOU'RE FINISHED

Sincerely

THE VIPERS



Longestman John P. Murtin  
Johnston, P.A.





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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535



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CLASS To: SAC, Pittsburgh (89A-PG-53899)  
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June 20, 1991

FBI FILE NO. 89-7778

LAB NO. 10513031 D UI

Re: UNSUB(S),  
U.S. CONGRESSMAN JOHN MURTHA,  
12TH DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA - VICTIM;  
EXTORTION

Examination requested by: Addressee  
Reference: Communication dated May 3, 1991  
Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint  
Specimens received: May 13, 1991

Specimens:

- Q1 Envelope bearing hand-printed address
- Q2 Page one of a two-page, hand-printed letter
- Q3 Page two of a two-page, hand-printed letter

Result of examination:

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Specimens Q1 through Q3 have been searched through the appropriate sections of the Anonymous Letter File with negative results. Appropriate entries have been added thereto for future reference.

Specimens Q1 through Q3 contain no indented writing of value or other special feature through which their immediate source might be ascertained.

The Q1 U.S. postal stamp originated from a booklet of stamps.

You will be advised separately regarding the requested latent fingerprint examination and the disposition of the submitted evidence. Photographs are retained.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

## Laboratory Work Sheet

To: SAC, Pittsburgh (89A-PG-53899)

FBI FILE NO. 89- 7778-2

LAB NO. 10513031 D UI

Re: UNSUB(S),  
U.S. CONGRESSMAN JOHN MURTHA,  
12TH DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA - VICTIM;  
EXTORTION

YOUR NO.

Examination by:

Examination requested by: Addressee

Reference: Communication dated May 3, 1991

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Specimens received: May 13, 1991

## Specimens:

Q1 Envelope bearing hand-printed address  
Q2 Page one of a two-page, hand-printed letter  
Q3 Page two of a two-page, hand-printed letter

## DISPOSITION OF EVIDENCE

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION, LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

Evidence to LFPS Q1-Q3

Disposition of evidence--TREAT AND RETURN TO CONTRIBUTORDOCUMENT SECTION, LABORATORY DIVISION TO RETURNDua 6/20/91  
Initials/Date



Violation(s): AFO EXT  
Violation date:  
Violation location:  
Victim:  
MURTHA, JOHN

Lab No: 10513031 D  
City: PITTSBURGH, PA PG  
Form: AT 05-03-91  
Bufile No: 89-  
Contributors No: 89A-PG-53899

Subject:

Remarks:

Status 1 Status 2 Status 3 Category: 1  
Trial Importance Doc\Sp Complex Volume Await Evid Buded: 06-04-91

Ack Type: 7- Principal Unit: 2 SFO LKW UC LILR

Examiner(s)	Symbols	Evid./Exams	Date Delv	Date Ret	Dict Date	Partial/Final Date(s)
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	UI	DOC	5/13/91	(S)		
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Q 103 K Items Evidence ret:

Resub? NO Request? NO Return No:  
Call when ready? EXT  
Latent? YES NO Q tabs? YES NO Print Assignment Card(s)

Previous Submission(s):

10513009 D

PITTSBURGH

PA PG

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ITEMS  
UNAVAILABLE - SEE PRIOR PE  
05-03-91

QS

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searched, added to list in AC 1785

neg - nothing noted  
CT 135196  
PC

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Rec 5-15  
Photo #73, 5-15

Including nothing of value noted 6-5

ESDA " " " 6-5

Workmark " " " 6-5

Stamp - from book of stamps 6-5 "F"

AF to know 6-5, not 6-18

envelope marking inside - blue & white



Parcel Method and No: RM-R445051177\HW-  
Received In ECC: 05-13-91  
01-Envelopes

SFO, RM 3206  
ECC, RM 3233  
RM  
WPC, RM 3431



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Recorded: 6/25/91

Received: 6/21/91

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To: SAC, Pittsburgh (89A-PG-53899) (P)

FBI FILE NO. 89- 7778 - 24

LAB NO. 10513031 D UI

Re: UNSUB(S),  
U.S. CONGRESSMAN JOHN MURTHA,  
12TH DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA - VICTIM;  
EXTORTION

YOUR NO. LC#C-98064

Examination by:

Noted by: 

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Examination requested by: Addressee

Reference: Airtel dated May 3, 1991

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Specimens received: May 13, 1991

## Specimens:

- Q1 Envelope bearing hand-printed address "CONGRESSMAN John P. MURTHA"
- Q2 Page one of a two-page, hand-printed letter "REF - My dear MR. MURTHA!"
- Q3 Page two of a two-page, hand-printed letter "REF - You MUST..."

6/20/91  
NO LATENT PRINTS OF VALUE LASER -

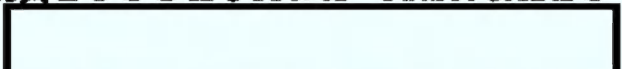
SPRAYED NIN - LET SIT

6/27/91  
RE-SPRAYED NIN - NO LATENT PRINTS OF VALUE NIN -

PROD PD - NO LATENT PRINTS OF VALUE DEV'D PD -

SPECIMENS ENCL (3)

CC-Congressional Affairs Office, Room 7240, TL#245

CC-SA  Division 6, Room 5438, TL#243

CC-Bufile 199-HQ-24472

Examination completed

Time

Date

Dictated

Date

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6/15/91  
RSW/MS





# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20537

## REPORT

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## LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

YOUR FILE NO.  
FBI FILE NO. 89A-PG-53899 (P)  
LATENT CASE NO. 89-7778  
C-98064

7/15/91

TO: SAC, Pittsburgh

RE: UNSUB(S);  
U.S. CONGRESSMAN JOHN MURTHA  
12TH DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA - VICTIM;  
EXTORTION

REFERENCE: Airtel 5/3/91  
EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Pittsburgh  
SPECIMENS:

Envelope and accompanying two-page letter,  
Q1 through Q3

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JUL 15 1991

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The listed Q specimens are further described in a  
separate Laboratory report.

The requested latent print examination was conducted,  
but no latent prints of value were detected.

The specimens are enclosed.

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- 1 - Office of Congressional Affairs, Room 7240, TL #245
- 1 - SA [redacted] Division 6, Room 5438, TL #243
- 1 - Bufile (199-HQ-24472)

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PASS: [REDACTED] WMFO, SQUAD C-4.

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SUBJECT: UNSUB(S); UNITED STATES CONGRESSMAN JOHN MURTHA,  
12TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA-VICTIM;  
EXTORTION; OO:PITTSBURGH.

RE TELECALL BETWEEN MR. [REDACTED] WMFO, AND  
PITTSBURGH DIVISION, MON VALLEY RESIDENT AGENCY, ON  
AUGUST 8, 1991, AND PITTSBURGH AIRTEL TO THE BUREAU, DATED  
MAY 3, 1991.

REFERENCED TELEPHONE CALL ADVISED THAT THE

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UNITED STATES CAPITAL POLICE (USCP), REQUESTED AN UPDATE ON CAPTIONED MATTER.

THIS INVESTIGATION WAS INSTITUTED BASED ON INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM U.S. CONGRESSMAN MURTHA'S OFFICE, JOHNSTOWN, PA, ON APRIL 22, 1991. THE CONGRESSMAN RECEIVED A THREATENING LETTER AT HIS OFFICE IN JOHNSTOWN WHICH SEEMED TO RELATE TO THE PERSIAN WAR.

BY APPROPRIATE COMMUNICATION, THIS THREATENING LETTER AND ENVELOPE WAS FORWARDED TO THE FBI LABORATORY, WASHINGTON, D.C., FOR EXAMINATION. FBI LABORATORY CONDUCTED AN EXAMINATION OF THIS COMMUNICATION AND FOUND NO LATENT FINGERPRINTS OF VALUE. ADDITIONALLY, THE LETTER WAS SEARCHED THROUGH THE APPROPRIATE SECTIONS OF THE ANONYMOUS LETTER FILE WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. THERE WAS NO INDENTED WRITING OF VALUE OR OTHER SPECIAL FEATURES RELATING TO THIS LETTER WHICH WOULD INDICATE THE IMMEDIATE SOURCE. IT WAS NOTED HOWEVER THAT THE POSTAGE STAMP USED WAS FROM A BOOKLET OF STAMPS.

REGULAR CONTACT WITH APPROPRIATE STAFF MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESSMAN'S REVEALED THAT HE HAS RECEIVED NO ADDITIONAL LETTERS RELATING TO THIS INCIDENT.



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UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE OFFICE, PITTSBURGH, PA,  
WAS NOTIFIED OF THIS INCIDENT ON APRIL 24, 1991, AND ON  
AUGUST 20, 1991.

SINCE ALL LOGICAL INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN CONDUCTED,  
PITTSBURGH CONSIDERS THIS CASE CLOSED. SHOULD THE IDENTITY  
OF THE SUBJECT BE LEARNED BY THE PITTSBURGH DIVISION OR IF  
OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION IS DEVELOPED CONCERNING THIS  
MATTER THEN THIS INVESTIGATION WILL BE PROMPTLY REOPENED AND  
APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION INSTITUTED.

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